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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/523,102
Filed: March 10, 2000
Title: Methods and Compositions for Treating and
Preventing Retinal Neovascularization
Applicants: Si *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2006;
2. a courtesy copy of *Jansen v. Rexall Sundown, Inc.*, 342 F.3d 1329 (Fed. Cir. 2003) and *Rapoport v. Dement*, 254 F.3d 1053 (Fed.Cir.2001); and
3. a return postcard.

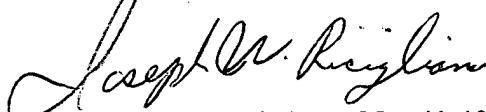
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Respectfully submitted,



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